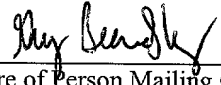


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, kindly amend the above-referenced application as follows.

In the Specification

At page 1, line 3, please insert

--The application is a divisional of U.S. patent application Serial Number 09/142,305, filed September 10, 1999, which claims priority to PCT/JP97/00687, filed March 5, 1997, which claims benefit of Japanese patent application 8/47796, filed March 5, 1996, the disclosures of which are hereby incorporated by reference.--

In the Claims:

Cancel claims 1-6, 8-15, and 17, without prejudice.

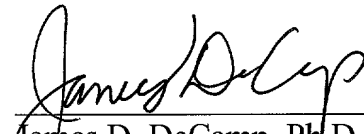
REMARKS

The amendment set forth above provides a clean version of the priority information that is to be entered into the specification.

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